



Library Advisory Board

A meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Pkwy., Brenham, Texas.

Advisory Board Members present:

Lu Hollander, Lillian Marshall, Jan Klingsporn, Jerry Jares, Renee Mueller, Janie Mehrens, and Keith Herring

Advisory Board Members absent:

Susan Myers and Will Corn

City Staff present:

Tammy Murphy

Others present

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board chairman Keith Herring called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

2. Citizen and Visitor Comments

No comments

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes of the August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Renee Mueller and seconded by Lillian Marshall to approve the Minutes from the August 20, 2025 regular meeting. Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes
Vice Chair Renee Mueller	Yes
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Will Corn	Absent
Board Member Jerry Jares	Yes
Board Member Susan Myers	Absent
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Jan Klingsporn	Yes

4. Discussion of an Art Exhibit

Librarian Tammy Murphy opened the discussion with an updated and final quote from Gaylord Archival for the six additional vitrine cases needed for the installation of the Ruth Wilson art exhibit. Janie Mehrens asked to have Gaylord clarify what assembly needs the library would have to handle. Tammy Murphy stated she would confirm with Gaylord on how the cases would arrive, with the City of Brenham Maintenance Department on how they installed the original artwork, and with Ruth Wilson on how she would deliver the sculptures which are packaged for delivery. Jan Klingsporn repeated her statement from the prior meeting that local art shown by a local artist might inspire others. The art exhibit installation will continue to proceed.

5. Presentation and Discussion of Donation Fund

Librarian Tammy Murphy reviewed the donation fund balance sheet with the board. A discussion began about plaques in the library with a recommendation for Tammy Murphy to research other donation and plaque policies in the community and surrounding libraries with a policy rough draft prepared for a future meeting. Renee Mueller suggested contacting Christ Lutheran Church and the Brenham Heritage Museum. The board also suggested including a criterion for accepting a plaque, such as historical significance, library history, or a minimum donation amount.

6. Administrative Report

Librarian Tammy Murphy provided the library statistics report for the last three months included in the LAB packet. In addition, Murphy provided the following updates

- A donation balance of \$241 has carried over from 2024. Renee Mueller suggested talking to CLDS volunteers about a printer for large family tree printouts.
- The large program room upgrades are complete and in use.
- Adult programming has begun with monthly plans of author visits, health or education specialists, volunteer information, and crafting.
- Community Outreach opportunities were Mask-erade on Main Street, Clear the Shelter, Little Miss and Mr. sponsorship, and Brenham Next enrichment classes throughout the fall.

- Two applicants have applied to be appointed to the Library Advisory Board. Lillian Marshall and Keith Herring are recommended to be reappointed. The one open appointment will be presented to City Council in December, and the new term will start in January 2026.

7. Adjourn

Keith Herring adjourned the meeting.

Keith Herring
Chair Person

ATTEST:

Tammy Murphy
Staff Liaison